Implementation of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act during Diwali Season

400. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether for effective implementation of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and also to fix responsibility in case of any outbreak of any disease during the Festival Season Government propose to fix the zones of officials of PFA in the capital; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) As per the information received from the Delhi Administration, in order to have an effective check on quality of food stuffs sold during Diwali, the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration of Delhi Administration had launched a special drive on the occasion. For this purpose the entire Union Territory was divided in five zones, each of which was placed under one Local (Health) Authority and 4-5 food inspectors.

Missile Test Range at Baliapal, Orrisa

401. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operation 'Missile Test Range' at Baliapal in Orissa has failed to evict the villagers of Chandipur area;

(b) whether the test firing of 'Agni Missile' has been delayed; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Notifications under subsections 1 & 3 of section 9 of the Manoeuvres, Field Firing and Artillery Practice Act 1938 (5 of 1938) has already been issued by Orissa State Government regarding intension of carrying out test firing from Chandipur area. Further action will be taken as required under law.

(b) and (c) The Defence Research & Development Organisation is carrying out flight trials of a number of missiles. These trials are continuous in nature and it is not in national interest to give details of such launchings before they are carried out.

Deaths due to Cholera in the Country

402. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the deaths due to Cholera all over the country since January 1988 to 30th September, 1988, Statewise;

(b) whether over 100 deaths took place due to Cholera/Gastro-Enteritis in Delhi and New Delhi during the months of June-July-August, 1988; and

(c) if so, what precautionary steps were taken to stop the spread of the disease

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) A Statement showing statewise deaths reported due to cholera from January, 1988 to 1-10-1988 is enclosed. (*See below*).

(b) Yes.

(c) Precautionary measures/steps taken to prevent the spread of the disease include, supply of safe drinking water in the affected area, safe disposal human excreta, improvement of environmental sanitation personal and food hygiene, chlorination of unsafe drinking water, cholera and typhoid inoculations to high risk groups in the affected areas, supply of O.R.S. for prevention of dehydration, treatment of cases in health facilities such as hospitals and dispensaries, strengthing of health education measures through mass media such as T.V., Radio, posters, pamphlets etc.